

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following redlined paragraph:

Figure 5 illustrates one particular embodiment of a device for scooping the meat from a papaya, and for simultaneously slicing the meat. The device 110 has a handle portion 112, a working end 114 and a pair of lateral extensions 116, and can be fabricated in a manner similar to the embodiment described above. The handle portion 112 in the illustrated embodiment has at its terminal end a scoop 117 on one or both sides. The scoop 117 is adapted to scrape the seeds from inside the papaya. The handle portion 112 and lateral extensions each have a resilient grip 122 on each outer edge. In this embodiment, the grip 122 does not extend around the terminal end of the handle portion 112. The handle ~~+22-~~portion 112 is otherwise the same as that described above.

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following redlined paragraph:

The working end 114 incorporates a blade 124 and several teeth 126. The blade 124 is adapted to pass through the meat of a papaya relatively easily. The teeth 126 are sufficiently long to cut the entire thickness of a portion of papaya as the device 110 passes through the meat. In the illustrated embodiment, the device ~~10-~~110 has three teeth 126, to cut half a papaya into four roughly equal sections; however, the number and spacing—and even the existence—of the teeth can be changed as desired. The illustrated working end 114 is otherwise essentially the same as the working end described above in connection with the previous embodiment.

Please delete paragraph [0027].